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1. In the capitals of the states of the Eastern zone, the National-
Zeitung has set up "branch editorial offices", which, it is
alleged, have no journalistic functions, but are in fact organ-
izational centers for the proposed National Democratic Party. In
Weimar and in Halle representatives of the paper applied for
use of buildings (which they designated), but met with a refusal
from the LDP members who had charge of such matters. In both
cases this decision was later reversed upon orders of Russian
officers.

2. The collection of money for the "little PCs" by the National-
Zeitung was discontinued on the advice of the SMA, which is said
to have suggested that it might properly be resumed by the party
itself, after it begins its legal operation.

(Comment: It was recently suggested that party be given
different name, such as "People's Democratic Party".)

3. The newspaper's agents in Weimar and Halle have not been identified
by name, but they are said to be war-time comrades of members
of the editorial staff who recently returned from Russia. Further-
more, the Russians are reported to have provided the editors with
a list of all the members of the Nationalkomitee Freies Deutsche
and recommended that these persons be used as editors and reporters
and also as organizers for the new party. High-ranking officers
are expected to play a conspicuous role in the party; among those
mentioned in this connection are the former Major Generals Dr.
Korfes, Arno von Lenski, and Vinzenz Müller, who will return to
Germany early in July and join in signing a proclamation for the
founding of a "German-Russian friendship movement" which will
be related to the proposed new party, whose formal establishment
is anticipated about the same time.

4. Officers recently released by the Russians include ex-Captain
Bieler (son of Gen. Bruno Bieler), Count Waldersee, and

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Count (Ferdinand?) von Thun und Hohenstein. [REDACTED]

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5. The following information is available concerning some of the persons in Saxony-Anhalt who have shown an interest in the Founding Committee of the National Democratic Party:

a. Heilmann, of the Municipal Building Office in Halle, is supposed to be the real founder [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] chairman of a meeting of readers of the National-Zeitung- [REDACTED]

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b. Herbert Fiering, member of the Landtag of Saxony-Anhalt [REDACTED]

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c. Krammer, a German [REDACTED]

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d. Karl Dannemann, now an LDP member of the legislature and Oberbürgermeister of Stendal [REDACTED]

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